A DECLARATION Of the Lords and Commons Assembled in PARLIAMENT,

Concerning the Abuses lately done by severall persons in the County of *Essex*.

Die Veneris 2°. Septem. 1642.

ORdered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That this Declaration shall be forthwith Printed, and afterwards published in all Market-Towns, Parish-Churches and Chappells, within the Kingdome of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, and especially in the County of *Essex*.

Hen. Elsinge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

London, Printed for E. *Husbands* and *I. Frank*, and are to be sold at their shops in the Middle-Temple, and next doore to the Kings-head in Fleet-street. *Septemb.* 3. 1642.

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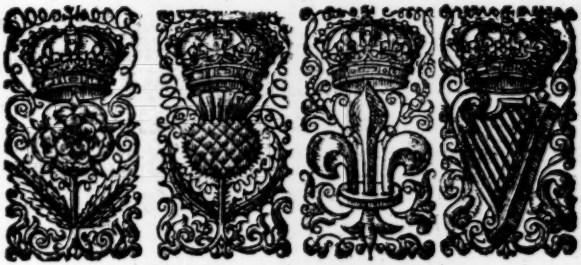

Die Veneris, 2 Septemb. 1642.

THe Lords and Commons having lately ſent Sir *Tho. Barrington*, and Maſter *Grimſton* into the County of *Eſſex*, for the appeaſing and quietting of divers aſſemblies of people gathered together in great Bodies, who had much damnified the houſes, and taken the goods of divers perſons, without Law, or other Authority; and having received a report from Sir *Tho Barrington*, being returned, That the people, upon the firſt knowledge given them that the Parliament required they ſhould forbear the ſearching of

any houſes for Arms or Ammunition, or the taking goods out of any houſe otherwiſe then is or ſhall be directed by the Parliament, or without the aſsiſtance of ſome of thoſe perſons who are by both Houſes of Parliament declared that they ought to be preſent, the people did hereupon ſpeedily yeeld obedience, and withdrew themſelves in a peaceable manner, and as they were required, did make reſtitution of Plate, Monie, and many other goods by them taken from ſuch as were pretended to be Popiſh Recuſants, and other malignant perſons; and that they had expreſſed great zeal and forwardneſſe to comply with the Directions of the Parliament for the future.

The Lords and Commons do therefore declare, That they reſent the aforeſaid expreſſions of the people, and their ready obedience, as a teſtimony of that dutifull affection which they bear to the Parliament, and to the preſent ſervice of the Kingdom; and do hereby Order and Declare, That all perſons whoſoever, that have taken either Monie, Plate, or any other goods, out of the houſe

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or houſes, or from the perſons of any whatſoever, without the ſpeciall Command or Order of both or either Houſe of Parliament, ſhall forthwith reſtore the ſame to the parties from whom they were taken, or otherwiſe be proceeded againſt as the Lords and Commons ſhall further direct, upon complaint made: And as both Houſes of Parliament have been, and will be very carefull to preſerve the peace of the Kingdom, by diſarming of all Recuſants, and ſuch others as ſhall be known, or juſtly ſuſpected to be enemies thereunto, and to the pious and good endeavour of this Parliament; and to that purpoſe have by a Declaration paſſed by aſſent of both Houſes, upon the 23 of *Auguſt* laſt, expreſſed what perſons ſhall be intruſted for the managing of that ſervice:

They do hereby further Order and Command, That no perſon whatſoever do preſume, either alone, or accompanied with others, to break, or violently enter into the houſe of any whoſoever, under colour or pretence of diſarming Recuſants, or other perſons pretended to be enemies to the peace

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of the Kingdom, without the particular command of ſuch as are entruſted or deputed by the Parliament.

And it is further declared, That ſpeciall and ſpeedie care be taken herein for the ſecurity of the Kingdom, and particularly for the Countie of *Eſſex*, from whom they have received ſo many expreſſions of their duty to the ſervice of the Publique, though the Parliament cannot but let them know, that ſeverall violent actions by ſome of them unwarrantably committed, are extremely diſallowed: But as the Lords and Commons declare, That they ſhall be ever readie to give aſsiſtance and protection to all ſuch as ſhall obey the Commands of both, or either Houſes of Parliament, So they do reſolve, That they will inflict exemplarie puniſhment on all ſuch, according to their demerits, as ſhall be refractorie and diſobedient to theſe their Commands made known to them, and by all good wayes and means will further endeavour to bring them to a legall triall for ſuch their offences. But for the encouragement of thoſe who have been forward and active

active in the service of the Common-wealth, It is thought fit to give them notice, That those eight horses taken from Sir *John Lucas*, and brought up to the Parliament by Sir *Tho. Barrington*, and intended by Sir *John Lucas* for the strengthning of a malignant partie, are delivered by command to the Lord Generall, to be by him employed for the preservation of the Kingdom; and the Parliament hath caused the said Sir *Jo. Lucas*, and Master *Newcomin* to be committed to severall Prisons; And it is resolved that they shall be brought to their severall trialls, and receive such punishment as shall appear to be just, according to their demerits: And like proceeding shall be had against all such as shall be found disturbers of the Peace of that County.

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Hen. Elſynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.